

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 412

By Armstrong

A RESOLUTION congratulating Holly Warlick, Assistant Coach of the University of Tennessee Lady Volunteers 2007 National Championship team.

WHEREAS, in a spirited display of athleticism and teamwork, the University of Tennessee Lady Vols once again reign supreme, as they captured the coveted 2007 NCAA Women's Basketball Championship by soundly defeating Rutgers University, 59-46; and

WHEREAS, led by Coach Pat Summitt, the preeminent basketball coach in all of women's college basketball, the Lady Vols further etched their place in college basketball lore with the victory over the Scarlet Knights before a capacity crowd of mostly orange-clad faithful in Cleveland; and

WHEREAS, challenged by Coach Summitt in her pre-game talk to win for the throngs of faithful Lady Vol followers, the team responded in typical fashion by dominating Rutgers from the game's outset, firmly establishing Tennessee as the most successful basketball program in the history of women's intercollegiate athletics; and

WHEREAS, without the diligent work ethic and extraordinary talent of each contributor to the team, this astounding victory would not have been possible; one such team contributor is Assistant Coach Holly Warlick; and

WHEREAS, a native of Knoxville, Ms. Warlick earned her Bachelor's degree in Marketing from UT and her Master's degree in Athletic Administration from Virginia Tech in 1983; she was a member of the 1980 U.S. Olympic basketball team and was the first player in the history of UT athletics to have her jersey retired at the end of her career in 1980; and

WHEREAS, on February 27, 2004, Holly Warlick was inducted into the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame; in October 2002, she became a member of the University of Tennessee Lady Vol Hall of Fame in the second class of inductees; and

WHEREAS, currently living in west Knoxville, Ms. Warlick has worked alongside her mentor Pat Summitt as either a player or an assistant for 764 of the UT Head Coach's 913 wins; also during her more than twenty-five-year tenure with the Lady Vols, Ms. Warlick has helped sign six high school All-Americans, among other noteworthy accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Holly Warlick has achieved impressive records of 701-145 as an Assistant Coach and 118-23 as a player; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly and Lady Vol fans everywhere take great delight in honoring each member of this extraordinary group of young women and their coaches who have contributed mightily to the successful legacy of University of Tennessee Women's Basketball; and

WHEREAS, Holly Warlick's determination, work ethic, and talented leadership have not only made possible a memorable and successful basketball career, but also surely point toward her lasting legacy with the Lady Vols basketball program; and

WHEREAS, Holly Warlick epitomizes the spirit of volunteerism and commitment to excellence that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Holly Warlick, Assistant Coach for the University of Tennessee Lady Volunteers 2007 National Championship team, for her hard work during the 2007 season and wish her every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copies.